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Gainesville gets SAC"ked"

by Robert Gittens

This January brought with it more than the anticipation of months to come—it brought students and administration a time to discuss issues and to discover common threads that exist across the state.

On Friday, Jan. 29, students from 26 of the 34 University System of Georgia colleges and universities met at Gainesville College for The 1999 Winter Conference of the Student Advisory Council.

Jason Brownlow, SGA president at Gainesville College said, "I think this winter's SAC was a success and we built friendships that will last. That is the whole point of having these meetings."

The council gives students in Georgia the opportunity to come together, discuss important issues, and learn how to be effective as leaders in the future. SAC is the only direct link between the students and the Board of Regents.

Chris Rogers, of Valdosta



Students learn by leading in a session at this winter's SAC.

State said, "it's (SAC) good because the students of Georgia get a better understanding of what's going on."

Friday's scheduled events

ended with the Second Annual 2yr. vs. 4yr. Basketball Game in the gym. The four year team defeated the two year schools. See SAC page five...

Black History Education at Gainesville

by Jennifer L. Ponders

At 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Michael Thurmond, Labor Commissioner spoke in the Continuing Education Building.

Jamila Hunter, President of the Multi-Cultural Association, gave a brief introduction of Thurmond. Thurmond was born in Clarke County and he was the youngest of nine children. He attended Payne College in Augusta and then he went to the University of South Carolina where he received his jurist doctorate. He was a member of the Political Executive Program at Harvard, and served three terms in the General Assembly. He was in charge of over 9,000 people at Family and Children's Services, during which time he began the Work First program.

Thurmond spoke a lot about the current education system. He led into this discussion by asking; how do we make history. A student from Gainesville Middle School said that we are making history by getting an education. Our present educational system is historical. In earlier years, races were segregated. An older

black woman made these remarks about our current system of education: "I would have never dreamed that this day would come when I was a child. Boys and girls you don't realize how fortunate you are. Whatever you do take advantage of it and get the best education possible because you are going to need it." Another man talked about how he had never ridden a bus to school. He had to walk three miles to school and then three miles back home after school. Thurmond, himself went through the first eleven years of his school days without a white peer.

The Gainesville Middle School students said that they have not had a hard time being friends with someone of another race. They also said that their relationships were not an issue. Thurmond's main series of statements were, "we need to respect other people's culture and history. You can't appreciate your own history until you respect other people's history. You judge people based on who they are and how they treat you."

One lady present at this event was Dorothy Ruker. She is the Founder of the Bulla Ruker Museum and Educational Foundation. She discussed the programs that this organization provides. One such program is after school care for See History page three...

Running in the Rain

by Jessie Gifford

Chilly rain embraced those participants who showed up at Gainesville College for the first annual Gainesville College 5k Run or One-Mile Walk-Around on Saturday, Jan. 30. Although, the weather was dreary, a cheery group of 90 runners turned out.

Bob Sievert, race director and editor of the Gainesville Road Runners, was slightly disappointed because of weather conditions. He said, "you need good weather for a good turnout especially for a first year race," but runners came from as far as the Atlanta area to participate. Co-director Glenn Preston, Director of Physical Education at GC, organized volunteers and security.

Preston acknowledges, "we couldn't have done it without good help."

There were more than enough positive remarks to be heard or smiles to be seen from those who did the 5k run. Joan Marler, Assistant Professor of Business Administration at GC, said the race "was three times around, but it was fun—especially at the end!" She

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placed first in her age group.

Fellow runner Marilyn Spires humorously exclaimed she "felt like a drowned rat" by the end of the race but undoubtedly enjoyed herself. She also took first place for her age group.

"A good flat course, easy location, and good directions" pleased Frank Sasser who traveled from Atlanta despite the inclement weather. Sasser placed second in his age group.

Five year-old Maley Whitlock participated in the one mile walk and shook her head and smiled when asked if she had fun.

For the first annual Gainesville College Run-Around, the weather was gloomy, but it didn't fail to attract a group of die-hard runners age five to 74. Some proceeds from the race will help purchase new equipment for the fitness center. Sievert is looking forward to holding the race again next year—hopefully with kinder weather.

The first place winners:

Open Men	Time
Ian Dickinson	15:30
Open Women	
Norma Rainwater	23:12
Masters Men	
Jack Haire	17:51
Masters Women	
Kay Harrison	23:33

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Joan Marler, Assistant Professor of Business at GC (right), and her friend, Marilyn Spires share their winning mugs with the camera.

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Yet Another Y2k Story...

by Scot Jones

Believe me, dear reader, you cannot be any sicker of hearing about it than I. We first heard of the Year 2000 bug a few years ago, and programmers all over the world overbegan scrambling to appease the technology gods.

Now, as we stand on the cusp of the new millennium, the panic is only mounting. But is a global computer crash really our biggest problem?

Computer technology has only been an integral part of our daily lives for roughly five percent of the current millennium. Yet now we are being told that the world will come to a halt for perhaps a few months and pandemonium will ensue. It is the pandemonium in which the real problem lies.

This is hardly the first time that something so abstract as a date or year has given doomsayers reason to howl, and still they have a quivering and hungry audience. The problem, as I see it, is our stubborn refusal to learn from the past and our inevitable insistence in getting our priorities completely wrong.

Admittedly, the programming oversight that will cause microchips around the globe to revert back to the year 1900 or crash out of sheer electronic confusion is going to cause a major pain in humanity's collective neck. But we found ways to run the world and our daily lives for almost 7,000 years, at least. Yet, are we to now believe we will be completely crippled when we again have to temporarily do without some of the conveniences of daily life?

Rather than trying to educate themselves about what is and is not going to occur in the technological web, many are simply giving into a blind panic. If the survivors of the

apocalyptic scares in 999 were alive today, I am sure they would not be surprised.

This is what surprises me. Humanity, after scores of centuries, still feels this overwhelming need to be overwhelmed. We seem to always be in need of some great paralyzing force that threatens our very existence. Rather than focusing on what we can do to improve and save humanity, we can only confess the things we cannot do. What threatens society when, and dare I say, if the global network of satellites, power stations, and other niceties crash, will be the trigger-happy survivalist types with their stockpiles of food. The irony is that they will be wiping grocery shelves clean because there may be a shortage of food. I wonder why?

Our own government, rather than spend our tax dollars on new satellites that are Y2K compliant, have felt it necessary to spend five years and millions of dollars on a political witch-hunt. They were finally able to say, "Gotcha, Willie," but miraculously, reason won out last week. However, I am sure Senator Henry Hyde and his cronies are far from finished, they still have two years left to finish destroying the humility and perhaps the marriage of our First Family.

Of course, if they felt the need to spend all that money and time on legal proceedings, why not spend them on something worthwhile, such as trying the likes of Jerry Falwell and members of the KKK and other hate groups for complicity in the murders of Matthew Shepherd and James Byrd, Jr.?

Almost 2,000 years after the greatest martyr died, we still cannot get our priorities in order.

But do not fear, my fellow earthlings, our aforementioned moral watchdog, the Rev. Jerry Falwell has found the one (or next) thing that will truly be our doom. Forget Y2K, keep an

eye out for the destroyer of innocence and family values Twinky Winky, the Teletubbie.

Student reactions to Y2K

by Melanie Porter

The year 2000 is coming up and many people have started to take precautions for the Y2K bug that everyone has been talking about. The world is basically run with computers today. From grocery store checkout lines to banks and throughout the world's economy computers are used for almost everything. So, how are people preparing for 2000? Many people are beginning to stockpile food, buying gas, and beginning to take their money out of the bank. Are these people overreacting?

Other people are not worried about Y2K at all. Mike Miazza, a freshman at Gainesville College said, "I haven't even really thought about it."

I've found that many students at GC have heard about the Y2K bug, but haven't taken any precautions. Another student said, "I have thought about it, but I don't think it will be a problem. I think it will resolve itself before it comes time to actually worry about it."

Other students think the media is overreacting and maybe we have nothing to worry about. Russ Crain, another student at GC said, "I'm not taking any precautions, I don't really think it will be as big a deal as everyone else."

Is there anything to worry about? The year 2000 is inevitable, have you thought about it?

These opinions are from staff writers but do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Compass. Please send your opinions to us via e-mail.

History con't...

children.

Thurmond's speech took a grass roots campaign. He talked about his dad and his dad's influence on his life. His dad told him, never forget where you came from. He talked about the support that was given to him by his parents. His dad also told him, "Son, if you will invest and work hard in school, I will do whatever I can to help you."

Thurmond talked about history. He asked the kids for their definition of history. Kids responded by saying, special events that happened in the past, and something important that happened in the past. The audience was informed that history is not only the things that well-known people do, but their life as well has its very own place in the history pages. Children need to hear about their past. It will help them see the lineage that they came from and therefore they will have pride in their family. Children will strive to add their greatness to the tree. After all, all history is not in encyclopedias, or textbooks. History is also found in everyday life.

Thurmond delivered a lesson on humility. He spoke about Rev.

Martin Luther King, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and advocate for the freedom of humankind. In the final days of his life, King made a trip to Memphis, Tenn. in support of garbage workers. He delivered this in one of his speeches, I have been to the mountaintop and I have seen what a Promised Land. All people will get to the Promised Land. His dream was that all people would be connected under God. King's dream made the history book. Our dream may not, but the key to being successful is to dream it and to start now, according to Thurmond.

Going West: transferring to West Georgia

by Brett Cook

Anyone interested in transferring to West Georgia State University who has completed less than 45 quarter hours, or 30 semester hours should be aware that their application will have to meet both freshman and transfer requirements for admission.

A transfer applicant should request the registrar of each

college or university he or she has attended to send a transcript to the Director of Admissions at West GA. Credits from one former institution can neither be officially evaluated for admission nor accepted for credit until a transcript has been received from the institution originating the credit.

Transfer students will be considered for admission on the basis of their previous college records and such additional information as is pertinent to their academic abilities. You must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all college work attempted. Students who do not have the necessary grade point average may be admitted if they hold an associate degree in a college transfer program from an accredited college. If students do not have the necessary hours when transferring he or she will be subject to the high school college preparatory curriculum.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic college work is required. A student must have 39 semester hours in courses numbered 3000 or above. Twenty of these hours in the major must be taken at West Georgia.

To graduate under this program a student must have a 2.0 GPA in the courses used for graduation. Students must also pass the Regents' Test of the University System of Georgia. The student must also complete the requirements for the major listed by individual departments.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

A minimum of 120 semester hours of academic college work is required in the approved program. A minimum of sixty semester hours or work is required in courses numbered 3000 and above. Twenty one of these hours must be taken at West Georgia.

A student must attain a

minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 and a GPA of 2.0 in the courses used to satisfy the major requirements. A student must pass the Regents' Test of the University System of Georgia. Admission to the teaching education requires a 2.7 GPA and passage of PRAXIS I.

The State University of West Georgia is a coeducational, residential, liberal arts institution located in Carrollton. A state university in the University System of Georgia, it enrolls students from most counties in Georgia as well as from other states and foreign countries.

SIFE clubs news

The Gainesville College SIFE Team wants to teach their fellow collegians smart money management skills and the wise use of credit card debt. Our goal is to help GC students achieve financial security and independence. To accomplish

our goal, we have declared March 1-6, 1999 as *Responsible Use of Credit Awareness Week*. The GC SIFE team will be hosting a variety of activities including:

Monday—March 1, 1999, displays go up in the Main Library in Gainesville and around the area.

Tuesday—March 2, 1999, read Across America Day—We will be reading the Beatrix Potter story "Ginger and Pickles" about the dangers of credit abuse. We will be reading this story to several elementary school classes.

Wednesday—March 3, 1999, loans and Credit Displays in the GC Student Center.

Thursday—March 4, 1999, Wachovia's Manager Steve Trammel, a GC Alumnus, will be speaking at 11:00 a.m. in Lanier AB in the Student Center on establishing and protecting your credit history.

Friday—March 5, 1999, Winners in our Credit Awareness contest will be



Mike Lukovich a person with great talent for drawing shares his gift with Gainesville College.

announced. Cash prizes! Saturday—March 6, 1999, VITA tax preparations in Room 132 of Academic 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. Contact Katie Simmons, 3683, for more information.

Did You Take Your "VITA"mins?

The Gainesville College SIFE Team is following their highly successful fall semester programs and service projects with an exciting spring semester schedule of activities. The GC SIFE Team first on the list is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. These volunteers will be available on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help people with their 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 tax returns. The training workshop and preparation services are free. The IRS will certify all trained VITA volunteers so this could be a great way to enhance your resume or your wallet.

For more information about this or other SIFE projects, call Katie Simmons, SIFE advisor at Ext. 3683. Her office is in ACAD III, room No. 113.

ksimmons@hemes.gcpednet.edu

The Spring Semester officer team for SIFE is as follows: President: Jessica Mattson Vice President: Davina Schwartz Secretary: Wendy Preston Treasurer: Melissa Chandler Reporter: Kevin Bratton

Join us at 11 a.m. Thursdays in ACAD III, room No. 186 to learn more about our programs and activities. Everyone is welcome.

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Club News...



Follow the Links to GeorgiaHire

Staff Reports

A new University System of Georgia economic development initiative that offers a one-stop, cost-effective way for companies to recruit qualified employees was presented to the Board of Regents. The initiative, called GeorgiaHire, allows students and alumni of Georgia's public colleges and universities to add their resumes to a statewide database for review by employers and to search for jobs posted by companies.

Funding for start-up of this project was provided by the University System of Georgia. The initial \$70,000 was allocated for hardware, and included challenge grant monies from participating institutions. An additional \$30,000 provided by the system was used to cover the cost for fees,

customization and the development of a public service announcement. The system's \$100,000 contribution came from the Board of Regents' special funding initiative, Connecting Students and Services.

Companies can conduct searches of the resume database by inputting key words, which target individuals matching a company's particular workforce needs. There is no charge for students to post their resumes and a small fee for companies to post job openings and company profiles. Companies can broaden the impact of their participation by linking their homepage to GeorgiaHire's web site.

GeorgiaHire is powered by JOBTALK, one of the largest and most popular employment sites on the Internet. Prospective employers or employees can locate GeorgiaHire on the Internet.

www.GeorgiaHire.com.

Gille to participate in program

Staff Reports

Gainesville College Assistant Professor of French, Chaudron Gille, has been chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development, LEADERS program, an international program for administrators and faculty in higher education.

This year-long program, designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume major decision-making roles in their institutions, includes, institutional practice in supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting, and organizational transformation as well as discussions with national experts on the issues confronting higher education during the next decade.

During the program Gille will be mentored by Lynne

Nickerson, Department Chair of ESL/Foreign Languages/Critical Languages at Georgia Perimeter College-North Campus, to work on projects that will aid the institution and foster individual professional growth.

LEADERS participants are chosen for their professional abilities, their interests in advancement in higher education, and quality of their proposed projects.

For her LEADERS project, Gille, who also serves as Coordinator of ESL Programs and Monir Languages, and International Studies Coordinator, will coordinate Gainesville College's effort to meet ESL needs in the community.

GAINESVILLE COLLEGE CAMPUS EMERGENCY SIREN

Gainesville College has an emergency warning siren which has the ability to produce two different sounds. Each of the sounds is used to alert our employees, faculty, students and visitors to take specific emergency action.

A continuous wailing sound indicates a severe weather emergency and the emergency action required is to take shelter in the building's designated areas. If you are outside when you hear this sound either take shelter in the nearest ditch or go to the nearest building if you can reach the building in 60 seconds or less.

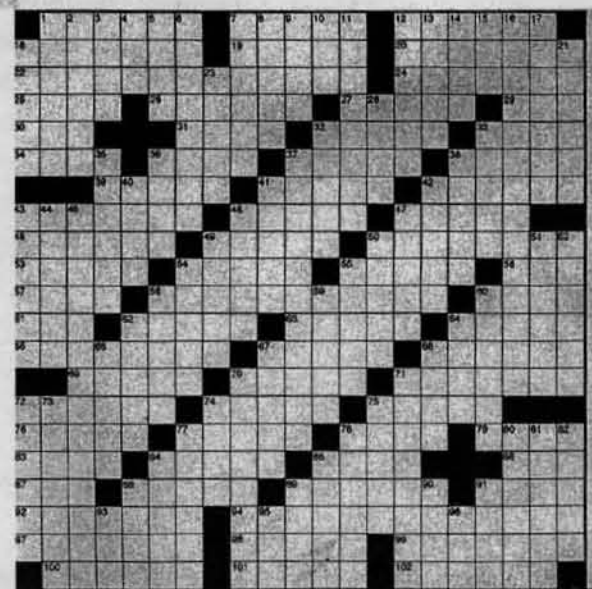
An intermittent high/low wailing sound indicates the need to evacuate all campus buildings. Take all personal belongings and go to the designated grassy area for the building that you are in which is at least 500 feet from the building. Do not stand in or block roads, driveways, or parking lots. You will be notified by the Gainesville College Office of Public Safety when you may re-enter the building. No one will be allowed to re-enter a building without prior approval of GC Public Safety Officer on Duty.

Questions concerning this and other Gainesville College emergency procedures should be addressed to: Marion Darracott, Security Coordinator/GC Safety Committee Chair @ (770) 718-3724; or Ed Jones, Coordinator of Environmental Health and Safety/Vice-Chair of GC Safety Committee @ (770) 718-3884

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conquer
the
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On Saturday the delegates attended several seminars and meetings that were geared toward teaching them more effective leadership skills.

Saturday's official events ended with the Winter Banquet and Second Annual SAC Oscars Night. Lewis Massy, former Secretary of State, spoke to the crowd of delegates in the lobby of the Continuing Education building on the GC campus.

Massey noted, "I think it is wonderful that Gainesville College has SAC." Massey is from the Northeast Georgia area.

Massey recognized the students and referred to them as outstanding leaders. He is a former member of SAC at the University of Georgia, where he received a degree in finance.

Martha Nesbit, the president of Gainesville College stated that she was excited when she

learned that GC was awarded the chance to host the conference.

Nesbit stressed the importance of SAC and the relationship between the administration and the students. "It is important for us to know what you (the students) are thinking," she said.

High School Students in College

Staff Reports

Most people are probably not aware of it, but there are a number of high school students taking college classes at Gainesville College. These students are participating in the joint enrollment and post-secondary options programs that provide exceptional high school students the opportunity to take college classes.

Of the two programs, the joint enrollment program includes high school students who take college courses on a

part-time basis while they finish their high school junior and/or senior years. Georgia high school students enrolled in post-secondary options, on the other hand, simultaneously receive both high school and college credit by taking classes at Gainesville College on a part-time basis. In addition, post-secondary options students receive tuition scholarships, paid through quality basic education funds.

Admission to either of these programs requires at least a 3.0 average in academic subjects and above average scores on the SAT or ACT tests.

Anyone wishing additional information regarding these programs should contact the Gainesville College Admissions and Records Office at (770) 718-3641.

Scholarships for Social Science Majors

Staff Reports

Applications are now being accepted for several available Division of Social Science Scholarships. To qualify for one of these scholarships, the student must have declared a major in one of the social sciences (i.e., sociology, psychology, social work, history, political science, anthropology, early childhood education*, middle school*, or secondary education in the social sciences). A minimum GPA of 3.3 and an SAT of 950 are also preferred. Interested students may pick up an application in the Social Science Division Office, room 164, ACAD II. The application deadline is April 9, 1999.

*Although not required for the education scholarship, consideration will be given to qualified applicants who are proficient in more than one language and/or have a declared interest in education in which there is currently a demonstrated need for qualified personnel in the state of Georgia.



Gainesville College honors outstanding art student with the President's Art Award. At the end of each term a panel of judges reviews works submitted by Gainesville College art students and the winning work hangs in the President's Office for following term. Shelley L. Ledford (left), Hall County, is the winner for the 1998 Fall Semester. Ledford shown here with Gainesville College President Martha Nesbitt (right) was recently honored and her work unveiled at a presentation in the President's Office.

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Movie Reviews

by Melanie Porter

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer

Jennifer Love Hewitt is back along with another set of friends who get tangled in another hook slashing, chilling, thrilling, suspense ride. Yes, the man with the hook is back and he is still out to get everyone. The only difference between the new sequel and the last movie is that some characters have been added to replace the ones that got gutted in the last. These characters also get gutted and the bad guy just keeps coming back. How many times can you kill a guy? This movie is good for the blood and gore, but lacks in the story line. How many sequels will it take to get the bad guy? It is said that they will have five sequels and I'm sure they will keep getting less realistic and more ridiculous.

She's All That

Don't let the title throw you, this movie isn't as cheesy as it sounds. The star is a high school jock and class president that could have the most popular girl in the school, that is, until she dumps him. He then takes a bet to take the nerdiest art student in the school and turn her into prom queen, but it takes a while for him to convince her that she is all that. The characters in the movie were wild and there were a lot of hilarious scenes. The storyline and script was great along with the awesome soundtrack. This movie was definitely worth the \$6.

Shakespeare in Love

This movie deserves the many Academy Award nominations that it is up for. Gwyneth Paltrow plays a noble woman that desperately wants to be an actor, but in her time, women on the stage are not allowed. Her character dresses as a man and gets the part of Romeo in William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. This movie is about her plight to become an actor and all the love and romance that comes along with meeting William Shakespeare. The foreign accents were realistic along with the costumes and scenery. *Shakespeare in Love* is definitely the best movie of the year.

The Big Band Show: "And All That Jazz"

by Summer LaPann

The Gainesville College Jazz Band, directed by Roy Forrester, The GC Chorale, directed by Lynn Laythem, and The Combo, directed by Andrew Santander, have put together a night full of jazz ranging from Broadway, movies, and television pieces. Such numbers include "All That Jazz" from "Chicago," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," a trio from "Stormy Weather," and many more. The program lasts for an hour in a half, starting at 8 p.m. The 12th Annual "Big Band Show" will be March 18-20 and will be held at the GC Performing Arts Center Theatre. Ticket range from \$10/Adults, \$8/Students and Children, \$6/Gainesville Theater Alliance Subscribers, and GC students admitted free with ID.

After last year's performance many students comment that they were surprised at how much they enjoyed the performance, both quality and the music. Call today (770) 718-3865 and reserve your seat for a night full of entertainment.



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Lanier Writers Conference

Press Release

On Feb. 25, Gainesville College and the Humanities Division hosted the Seventh Annual Lanier Writers' Workshop for invited students from Northeast Georgia high schools. This year's guest of honor was the well-known fantasy writer Michael Bishop, whose novels and short stories have won numerous Locus awards, a Phoenix award and two Nebula awards. The special guest was actress, short-story writer, playwright, and editor Wendy Webb, who has appeared in a number of movies and television shows, including *In the Heat of the Night*. These keynote speakers, along with members of the Gainesville College English Department, conducted several workshops and presentations in science fiction writing, poetry, writing for an editor and writing essays for college. Also during this conference the Gainesville College English Club released the new edition of the *Hoi Palloi*.

A Look at Kennesaw State University

by Jennifer L. Ponders

Kennesaw State University, is a commuter school located in Marietta. There is university-funded housing on or around campus. Yet, there is a series of apartments located behind the college. Many students live in these apartments.

To transfer and be classified as a sophomore or underclassman, you must have completed any developmental studies classes. You must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.0. To transfer and be classified as a freshman, you will have completed less than 30 hours of study.

To be considered for admission into KSU, applications are due April 9 for Summer Term. Applications for Fall Semester are due in by July 9.

KSU has a array of Student Activities. It offers 20 Honor Societies, 8 Religious Groups, 54 Special Interest Groups, two Political Groups, SGA, three forms of Student Publications, and nine Greek organizations.

The Campus Activities Board provides daily student activities. Among them: movie screenings, swing dancing, lectures by celebrities and key figures, and KSU Day.

KSU students hang out at various places in and around Atlanta. Students will visit bars in Buckhead on college nights. Students will also spend evening at the movies and malls that populate Marietta and Atlanta.

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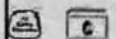
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